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INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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TAGS: PEPR, PINS, SW

SUBJECT: GOS TO RELEASE FILES ON RAOUL WALLENBERG

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SWEDISH CABINET ON SEPTEMBER 21
ANNOUNCED THAT THE GREATER PART OF ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING
TO THE CASE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO
DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST IN 1945, WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE
PUBLIC. ATTORNEY GENERAL INGVAR GULLNAS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO REVIEW THE MORE THAN 10,000 DOCUMENTS INVOLVED TO
DETERMINE WHAT MATERIAL CAN BE RELEASED. THESE INCLUDE
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS OVER THE YEARS
AND "WITNESS REPORTS" FROM NEARLY 1,000 PERSONS, MANY OF
WHOM HAVE REPORTED BEING CONFINED IN VARIOUS SOVIET PRISONS
WITH WALLENBERG. ALL DOCUMENTS ON THE CASE HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED AND FALL UNDER THE SECURITY ACT
WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTION FOR 50 YEARS. ONLY TESTIMONY
FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT
HE OR SHE REMAIN ANONYMOUS AS WELL AS CERTAIN INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE WITHHELD.
SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER THE CABINET DECISION ON
SEPTEMBER 21, MFA SEC GEN LEIF LEIFLAND ESTIMATED THAT
IT WOULD TAKE A YEAR FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
COMPLETE HIS REVIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION.

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HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAD
BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOS DECISION ALSO ON SEPTEMBER 21.

2. THE SINGLE SOVIET RESPONSE OVER THE YEARS TO
COUNTLESS SWEDISH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION WAS A SOVIET
STATEMENT IN 1955 OR 1957 THAT EVIDENCE HAD BEEN FOUND
THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON IN MOSCOW
ON JULY 17, 1947. END UNCLASSIFIED

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REVIEWED BY *LM-Sullivan* DATE *10/2/80*
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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